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Re: Legal Authority of California
Division of Oil and Gas to
Carry Out Class II Injection
Well Program

Dear Mr. Lau:

I am a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California whose responsibilities include advising and representing the California Division of Oil and Gas in legal matters. By virtue of these responsibilities I am familiar with Division 3 of the California Public Resources Code, which contains the statutory authority for all of the Division's functions. I am familiar also with Chapter 4 of Division 2 of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, which contains the regulations adopted by the Division in furtherance of its functions set forth in the Public Resources Code.

I have reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between the California Division of Oil and Gas and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 which supplements the demonstration submitted by the Division in accordance with section 1425(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the responses made by the Division to the EPA's comments on the demonstration. The Division has the legal authority to carry out the functions to which it has committed itself in the Memorandum of Agreement and in its responses to the EPA's comments.

Very truly yours,

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